

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Ball

The Farnsworth Mansion Foundation is proud to again host the 7th Annual Civil War Ball on March 3, 2007, 5:30 p.m., at the Baker Community Center, 101 S. 2nd St. A buffet style dinner will be served until 6:45 p.m., along with period music, dance instruction, and plenty of fun. Period attire is welcome but not required. Advance tickets are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple, children 12 and under are \$1. Tickets purchased at the door will be an additional \$5 per person. For more information please contact the Farnsworth Mansion Foundation at (630)587-1530 or check out the web site and order tickets online at [www.farnsworthmansion.com](http://www.farnsworthmansion.com). All proceeds will go toward rebuilding the Farnsworth Mansion to use as a Civil War Museum.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's parade is scheduled for March 10 at 2 p.m. The parade route will be on Main Street from 6th Street to 4th Avenue. Young and old alike will enjoy the pipe bands, floats and leprechauns of all sizes. This year's parade grand marshal is Dan Hampton, a former Chicago Bears player for 12 seasons, nick-named "Danimal" for his ferocious style of play. The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce and parade committee members are seeking sponsors, entries and volunteers. Please call 630-584-8384 to learn how you can be part of this event.

## Heritage Center Programs

The St. Charles Heritage Center, in conjunction with the St. Charles Public Library, will be presenting the first installment of the Thursday Evening Lecture Series on February 8, 2007. The program will be held in the Carnegie Room at the St. Charles Public Library and will begin at 7 pm. The title for this presentation will be, "Yes, Virginia Sears DID Sell Barns."

The first Joe K. Anderson History Roundtable discussion of 2007 will take place February 21, at the Pottawatomie Community Center, 1 to 2:30 p.m. The topic for the discussion will be farms and farm families. Participants may bring photos, memorabilia and stories to share.

Have you ever thought about writing your memoirs but just didn't know how to get started?

Mark your calendar for our upcoming workshop, "Lifestories--Creating a Memoir," March 11, 1 to 3 p.m. at the St. Charles Township Office (1725 Dean Street). Rosanne Gulisano, who teaches and coaches individuals and groups on writing their personal histories, will facilitate this engaging program. The cost for this program is \$10 for Heritage Center Members and \$15 for Non-Members.

Please contact the St. Charles Heritage Center at 630.584..6967 for more information or to register for any of these programs.

## Salvation Army Community Center

The Salvation Army, Joe K Anderson, Community Center offers a variety of health and educational programs. The gym is open Monday through Friday to walkers. In addition, there are seated exercise classes, health screenings, a weight loss group, computer classes, Golden Diners meetings, and much more. These programs are all FREE (except the meals), and are available to all in the Tri-city community. For more information, please contact Cathy Winters at 630-377-2769 ext 210. The Salvation Army is located at 1710 S. 7th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174.

## DSCP Information Session

Have you wondered about what is happening in downtown St. Charles? Would you like to be involved with some positive changes happening in the community?

Attend the Downtown St. Charles Partnership's information session on March 10, 9 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located on the second floor in the Municipal Building, 2 E. Main St. These free, bi-monthly sessions are an informal way to find out more about the Partnership and get to know some of the people involved in the community. Call Deb Pfaff, volunteer and Membership Coordinator, at (630) 513-5386 or visit [www.dtown.org](http://www.dtown.org) for more information.

## Memorial Scholarship Applications

The St. Charles Mothers Club is now taking applications for the 2007 Sherry Costello Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship provides money to women who are currently earning college degrees to better support their families.

Awards are based on need and academic merit. Eligibility requirements include: women with dependent children, financial need, residency in St. Charles or communities in the Fox Valley area, and enrollment in a degree program. Scholarships will be paid directly to the recipient's university or college for educational expenses.

For an application form, please write: St. Charles Mothers Club, P.O. Box 1274, St. Charles, IL 60175, Attention: Scholarship Committee Chairperson or call 630-217-MOMS. Completed applications must be received by April 3, 2007.

## Sisters Weekend

"Sisters of all sorts" are invited to spend an indulgent, getaway weekend

in downtown St. Charles. Experience a wine and cheese reception, fabulous pajama party, personal enrichment sessions, special shopping discounts, creative retail and hotel packages, and Saturday night's main stage entertainment – the Southern Fried Chicks Comedy Tour and Kacey Jones!

Visit [www.sistersweekend.com](http://www.sistersweekend.com) for more information.

## Sculpture in the Park

Stroll through beautiful Mt. St. Mary Park and enjoy up to twenty original sculptures lining the paths. Sculpture in the Park is a joint project through the St. Charles Park District and the Downtown St. Charles Partnership, developed to promote public art and the beautiful parks of St. Charles.

## Shelters for Healthy Environments

Shelters for Healthy Environments, Inc. is dedicated to eradicating homelessness by providing quality affordable and accessible housing embraced by the communities we serve. As construction plans are being finalized for Canterbury Fields, SHE Inc. is developing innovative programs to specifically address the unique needs local people in need of handicap accessible and/or affordable housing, while engaging community members to create a quality, integrated and inclusive community. To find out how you or your organization can be part of the solution, contact Barbara Zaha at 630.251.1538 or visit [www.sheinc.org](http://www.sheinc.org).



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## Youth Programs

Karen G. Russell Memorial Children's Lecture Series – Sat. Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. – Kevin Luthardt, creator of the Youth Services mural, will talk about the creative process of making the mural and his book illustrations. For students in Gr. K-5.

Book Character Visit - Biscuit the dog - Feb. 9, 11 a.m.

Read Across America: Seuss Mania - March 2, 4-5:30 p.m. Movies, trivia, games, giggles, and Seuss antics.

Middle School Mystery Night - March 9. Mini-mystery with your friends and food; \$3 payable at registration; for students in Gr. 6-8.

Spring Registration - March 10

Dave Rudolf - March 28, 9:30/11 a.m. – Songs for the entire family.

Bubble Wonders - March 30, 1:30 p.m. – Learn Bubbleology with Geoffrey "Merlin" Adkins.

## Adult Programs

Wednesday Lecture Series, 7 p.m. • Feb. 7 – Simple Seasonal Cooking for One or More presented by Chef Shannon Quinn-Lasota of Thyme Saver. Please call Ext. 1 to register.

Sunday Afternoon Concerts, 2 p.m. • Feb. 11 – Ragtime with pianist Sue Keller • Feb. 25 – Brass Trio Plus One. • March 11 – Songs of the Native American Flute with Al Jewer.

TnT, 7 p.m. • Feb. 8 – Speed Book Sharing: Discuss your favorite reading material in brief one-on-one conversations. • Mar. 15 – TnT Social.

P.O.V., 2 p.m. • Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. – Point of View - View the Hobart Shakespeareams and join Luis Cabrera

in a discussion about elementary school education..

### St. Charles Reads

The St. Charles Public Library, in partnership with School District #303 and Elgin Community College, is delighted to announce the books chosen for *Our Community Reads*. *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka is a poignant story of one Japanese-American family sent to an internment camp during World War II. *Weedflower* by Cynthia Kadohata is set in America before the attack on Pearl Harbor and appeals to younger readers. Both authors will visit the Library in April. Related events are planned to enrich our understanding of the Japanese culture.